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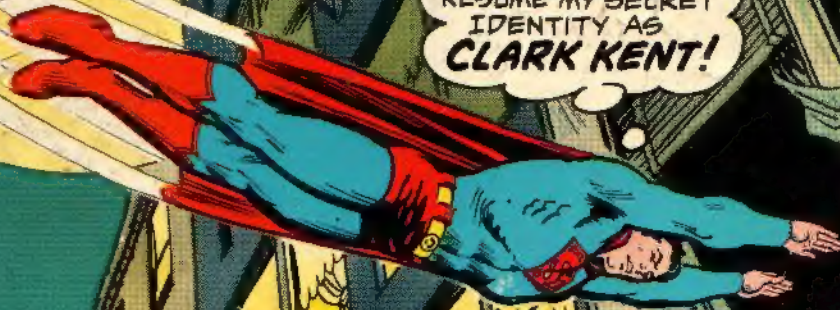
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FOR ME TO GO
OUT ON THE
PROWL!



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RESUME MY SECRET
IDENTITY AS
CLARK KENT!

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SUPERMAN'S NEIGHBORS
LEADS A SECRET LIFE AS A
MONSTER?



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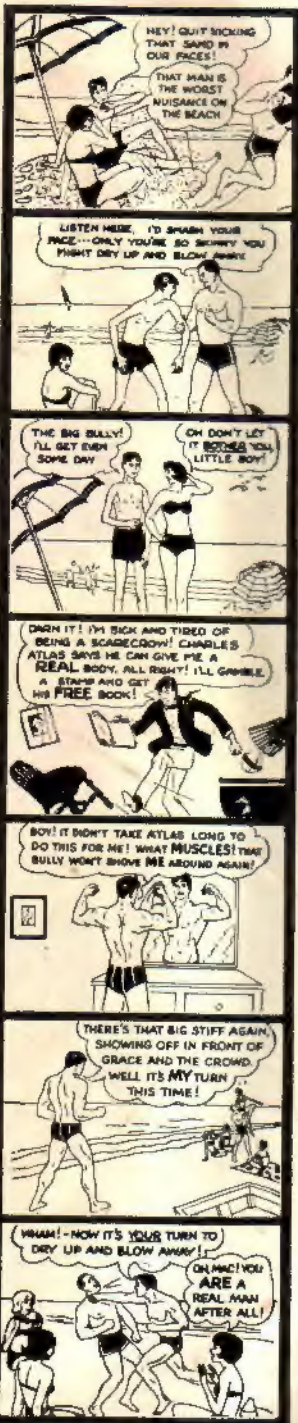
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ON A--

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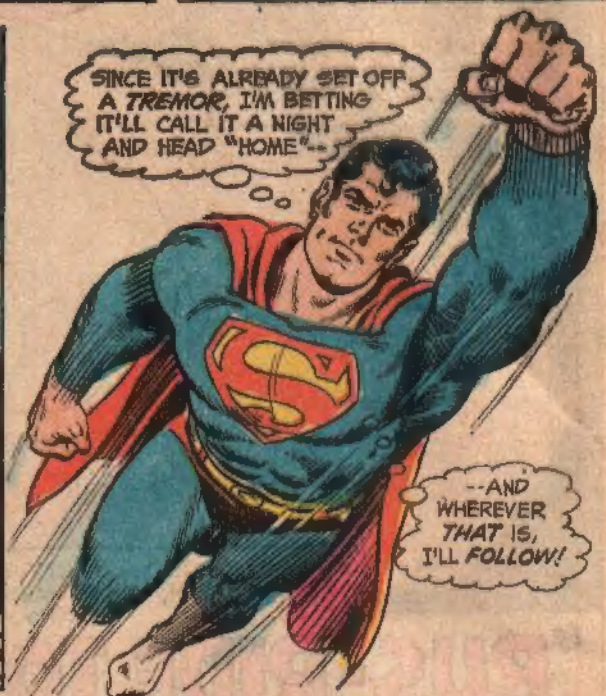
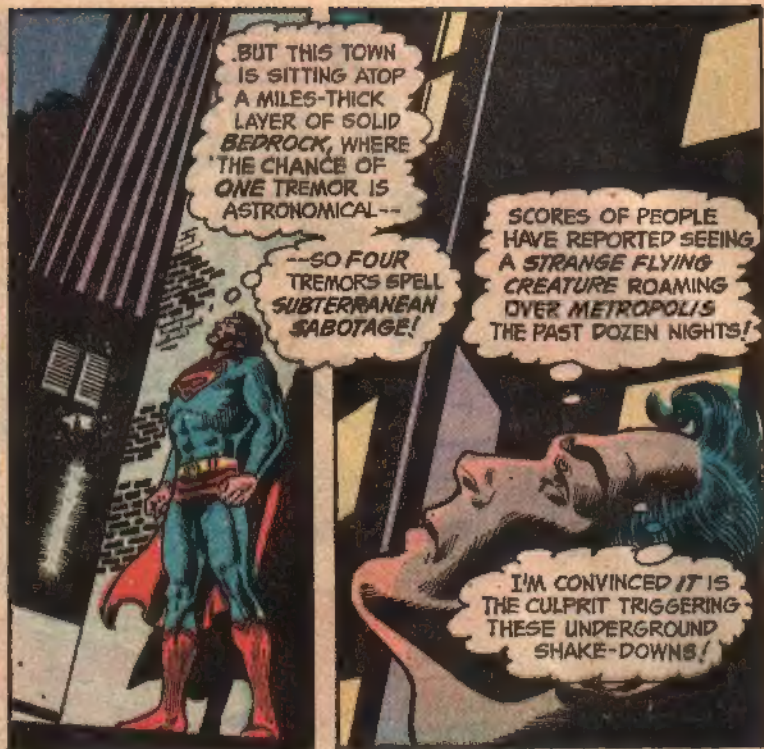
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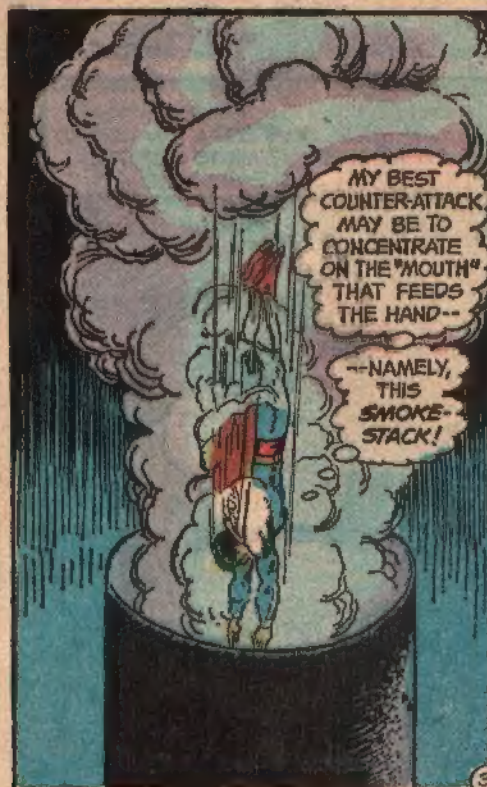
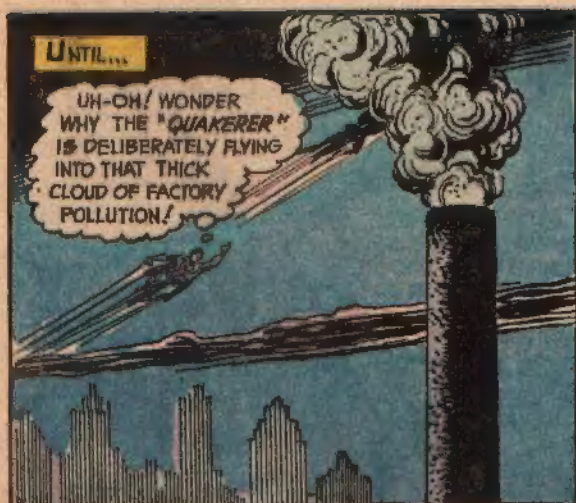
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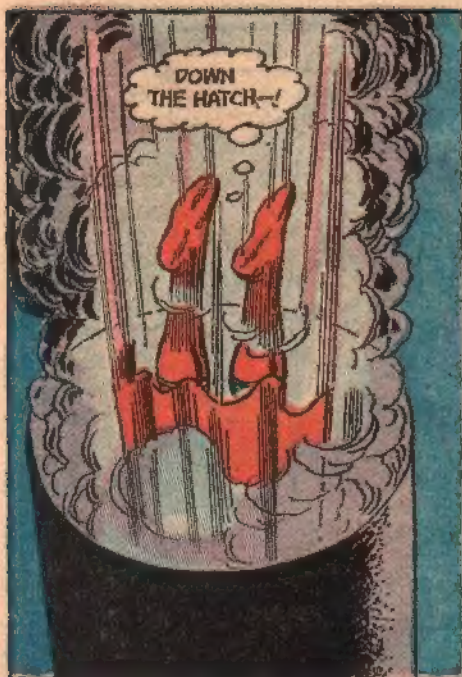
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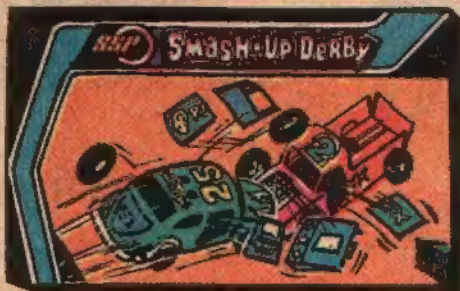
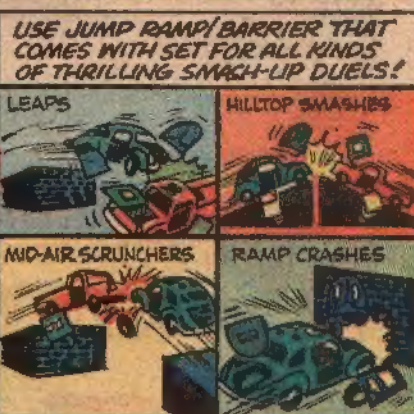
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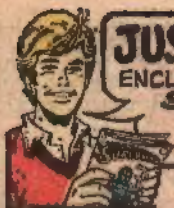
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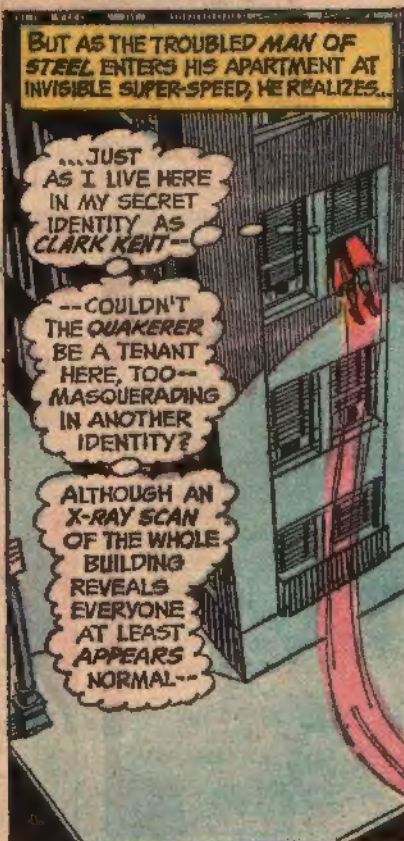
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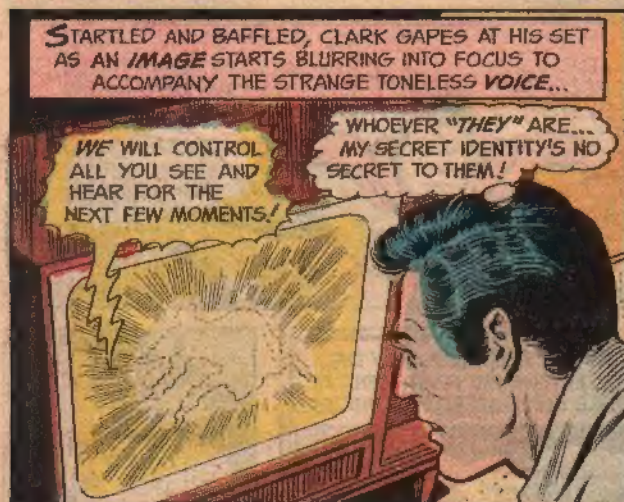
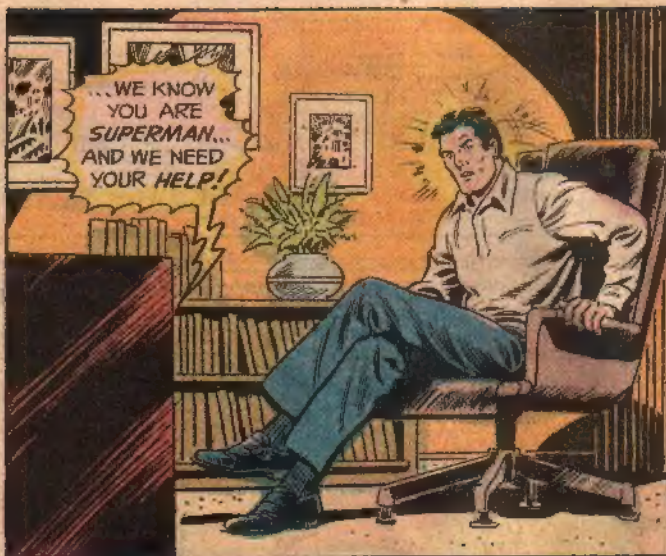
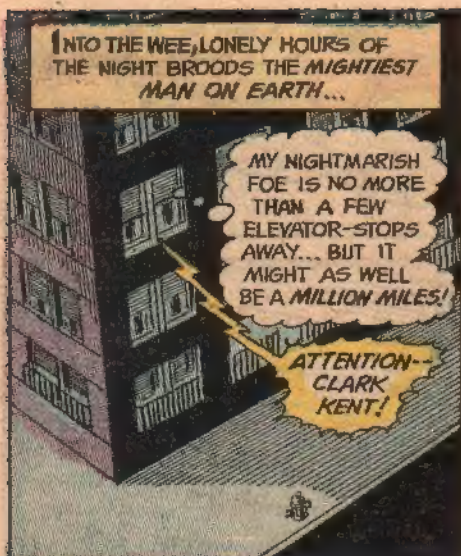
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SOMETHING BIG IS COMING FROM DC IN '74







I DON'T UNDERSTAND, UNLESS--

--UNLESS THAT CREATURE IS THE RESULT OF 40,000 YEARS OF EVOLUTION!

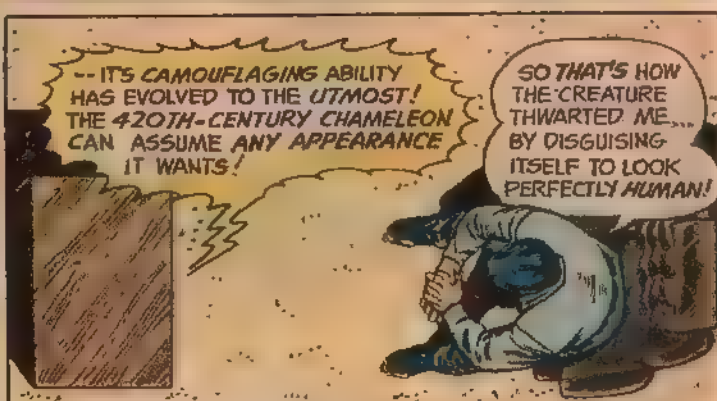
PRECISELY!
IT IS WHAT THE CHAMELEON WILL LOOK LIKE IN OUR FUTURE ERA!



IT'S EVOLVED INTO A BIPED, STANDING 200 CENTIMETERS TALL--

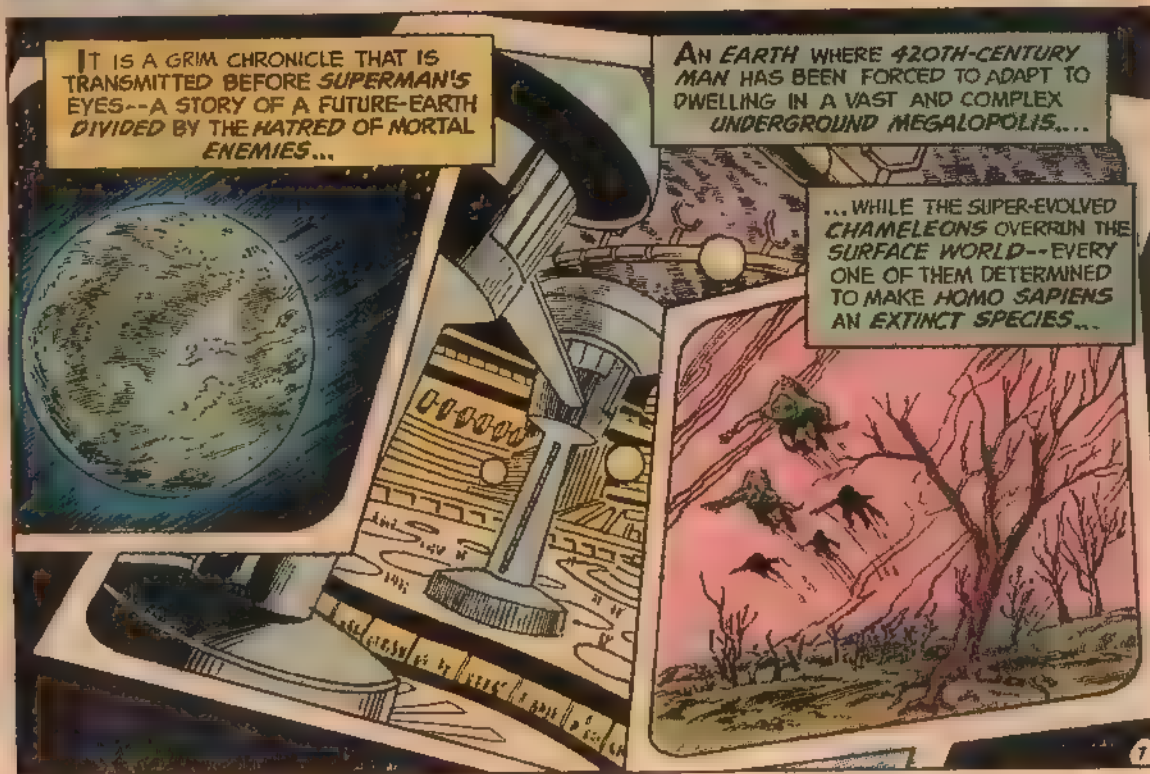
--WITH A SHREWD AND CUNNING INTELLIGENCE THE EQUAL OF ANY HUMAN'S... ALONG WITH A SAVAGE KILLER INSTINCT!

BUT MOST ALARMING OF ALL--



--IT'S CAMOUFLAGING ABILITY HAS EVOLVED TO THE UTMOST! THE 420TH-CENTURY CHAMELEON CAN ASSUME ANY APPEARANCE IT WANTS!

SO THAT'S HOW THE CREATURE THWARTED ME... BY DISGUIISING ITSELF TO LOOK PERFECTLY HUMAN!



IT IS A GRIM CHRONICLE THAT IS TRANSMITTED BEFORE SUPERMAN'S EYES--A STORY OF A FUTURE-EARTH DIVIDED BY THE HATRED OF MORTAL ENEMIES...

AN EARTH WHERE 420TH-CENTURY MAN HAS BEEN FORCED TO ADAPT TO DWELLING IN A VAST AND COMPLEX UNDERGROUND MEGALOPOLIS...

...WHILE THE SUPER-EVOLVED CHAMELEONS OVERRUN THE SURFACE WORLD--EVERY ONE OF THEM DETERMINED TO MAKE HOMO SAPIENS AN EXTINCT SPECIES...

THE LIZARD CAME TO YOUR ERA
TO BUILD AND TEST A WEAPON
FOR TRIGGERING EARTHQUAKES!

THE RAW ELEMENTS TO POWER
IT DON'T EXIST IN OUR AGE!

CLARK KENT

NO WONDER YOUR
PEOPLE ARE SCARED...
A WORKING QUAKE-MACHINE
WOULD SPELL CERTAIN
DOOM FOR YOUR
UNDERGROUND CITIES!

WE WOULD HAVE PURSUED THE
CHAMELEON INTO YOUR ERA...
BUT THE LIZARDS DISABLED
OUR TIME-MACHINES!

SO IT'S UP TO YOU,
SUPERMAN, TO UNCOVER
THAT QUAKING-WEAPON
AND DESTROY IT!

THE FUTURE
OF THE
HUMAN RACE
RESTS IN
YOUR HANDS!

AND AS THE GRAVE BROADCAST-
THROUGH-TIME FADES AWAY...

WHEW! IT'S
CERTAINLY
BEEN A HEAVY
NIGHT! THE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR MILLIONS
OF FUTURE LIVES
HAS SUDDENLY
BEEN THRUST
UPON MY SHOULDERS!

THE NEXT DAY IS BOTH
A SATURDAY AND A
HOLIDAY, AND MOST
344 CLINTON STREET
TENANTS ARE ENJOYING
WEEK-ENDS OUT OF
TOWN -- BUT NOT THIS
PARTICULAR ONE...

I'VE
BEEN
REGULARLY
CHECKING MY
BUILDING WITH
X-RAY SCANS
ALL DAY...

BUT SO FAR
HAVEN'T PICKED
UP EVEN A
SLIGHT HINT OR
CLUE OF ANYTHING
UNUSUAL!

WITHOUT
WARNING--
THE AIR
ECHOES
WITH THE
MECHANICAL
SCREAM
OF AN AIRCRAFT
PLUMMETING
THROUGH
THE SKY...

WHEAT STAYS
A TOURING
HELICOPTER
IN TROUBLE--
CRASH-DIVING
TOWARD THE
APARTMENT
BUILDING!!

THIS IS A
JOB FOR
SUPERMAN--!

A SHADE OF A SECOND AFTER CLARK DARTS INTO THE NARROW ALLEY, ONLY THE DISCARDED GROCERIES REMAIN ...

FOR THE METROPOLIS MARVEL IS ALREADY STREAKING SKYWARD TO THE RESCUE...

JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO INTERCEPT THE PLANE BEFORE IT COLLIDES WITH THE SOUTH WALL OF MY BUILDING!

YET JUST AS SUPERMAN'S HANDS OF STEEL GRIP THE AIRCRAFT TO AVERT DISASTER...

GOT IT! NOW I'LL-- ENH?!

I-I MUST BE-- DREAMING--



--BECAUSE I'D SWEAR THE APARTMENT BUILDING JUST SUDDENLY CHANGED SHAPE TO AVOID THE FLIGHT-PATH OF THE CRASHING CRAFT!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE--!

AND THEN-- A MIND-STAGGERING REVELATION DAWNS UPON THE CAPED RESCUER AS HE FLIES THE DISABLED PLANE TO THE NEAREST AIRFIELD...

NO! IT ISN'T SO IMPOSSIBLE AT ALL!

IN FACT, IT NOW MAKES PERFECT SENSE!

READER-- CAN YOU GUESS WHAT SUPERMAN HAS DEDUCED?

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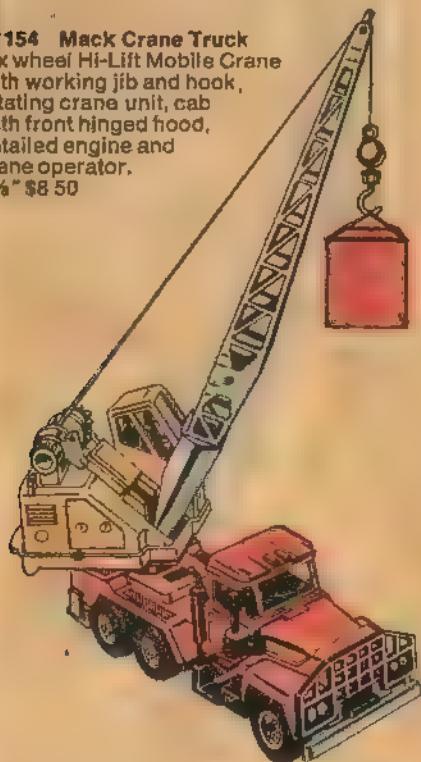
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THAT EXPLAINS HOW IT COULD RESHAPE MY BUILDING!

SUPER-SPEEDING INTO CLARK KENT'S WINDOW FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW...

NO DOUBT THE CREATURE SPOTTED THE PLUMMETING PLANE--AND FIGURED IT HAD TO PROTECT ITSELF--

--SO IT MOMENTARILY "BENT" THE BUILDING AWAY FROM THE BIRD'S PATH!

BUT THE LIZARD'S POWER HAS BETRAYED IT-- BECAUSE THE BUILDING IS DESERTED THIS WEEK-END--

--EXCEPT FOR FOUR TENANTS!

ONE OF THEM HAS TO SECRETLY BE MY MAN... OR SHOULD I SAY MONSTER?

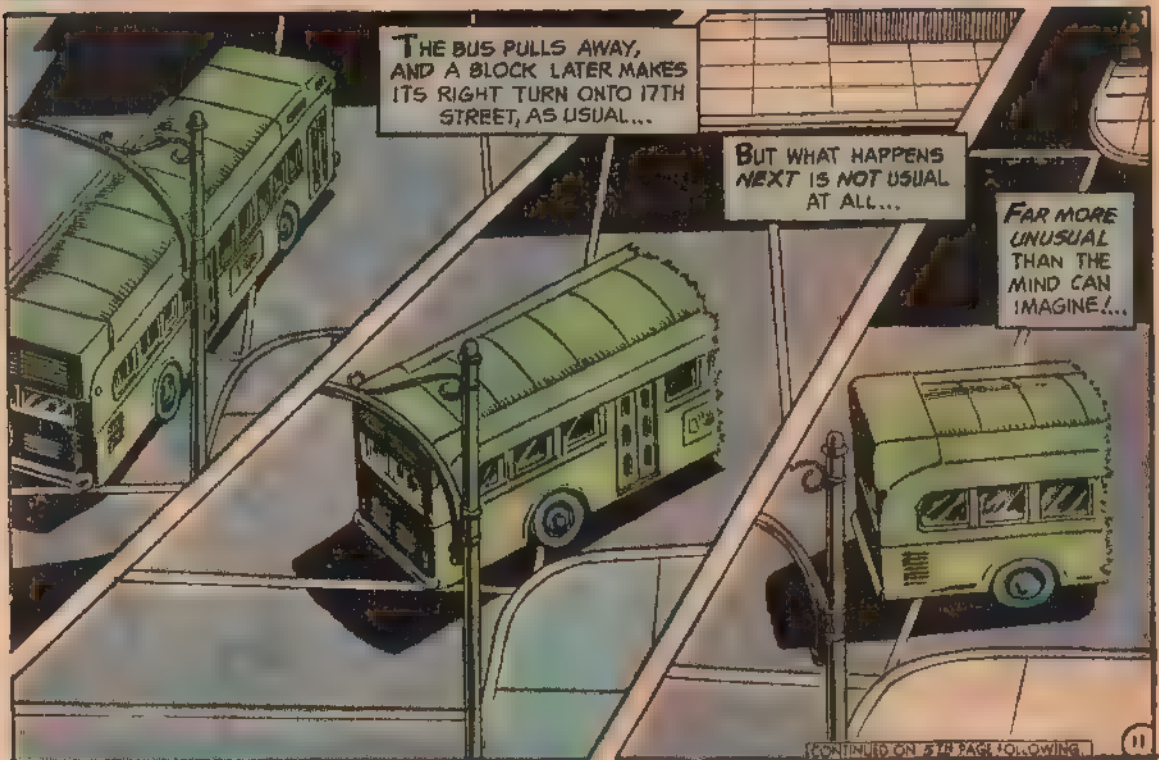
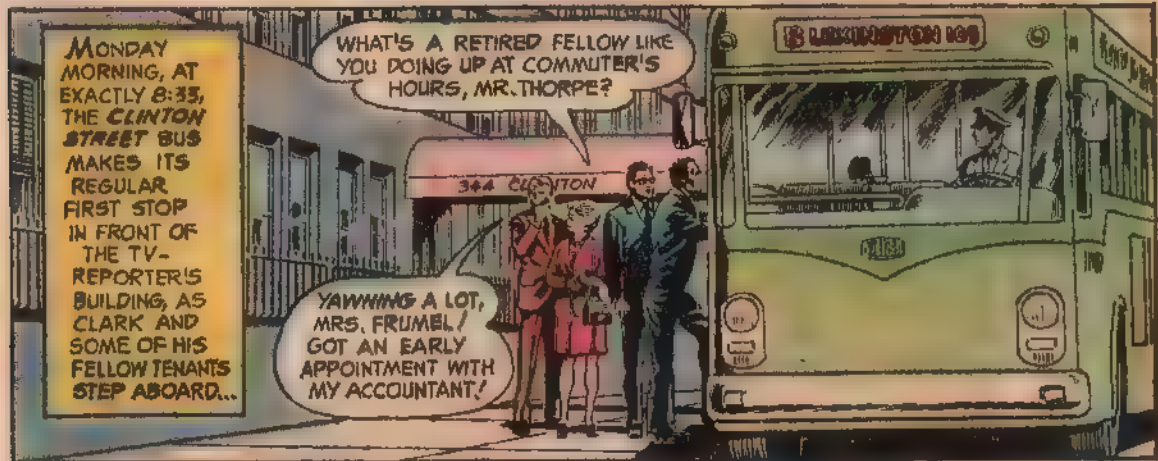
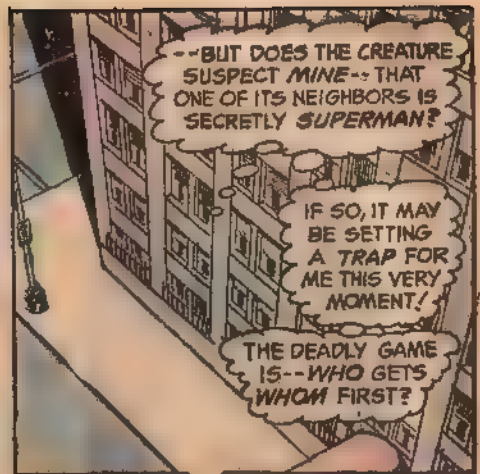
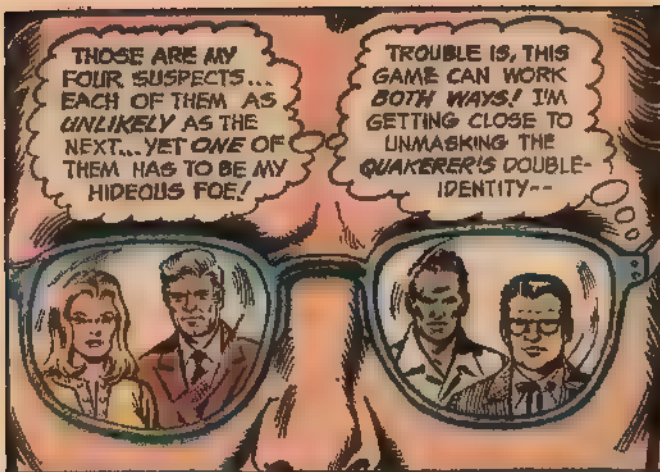
SCANNING WITH HIS X-RAY EYES, CLARK SPOT-CHECKS HIS SUSPECTS...

"MAY MARIGOLD-- UNLIKE HER IDENTICAL TWIN SISTER, APRIL, SHE'S LONG HAD A CRUSH ON ME AS CLARK KENT--OR IS IT ALL AN ACT? THE CHAMELEON MIGHT BE DEVIOUS ENOUGH TO MASK ITSELF AS A WOMAN!"

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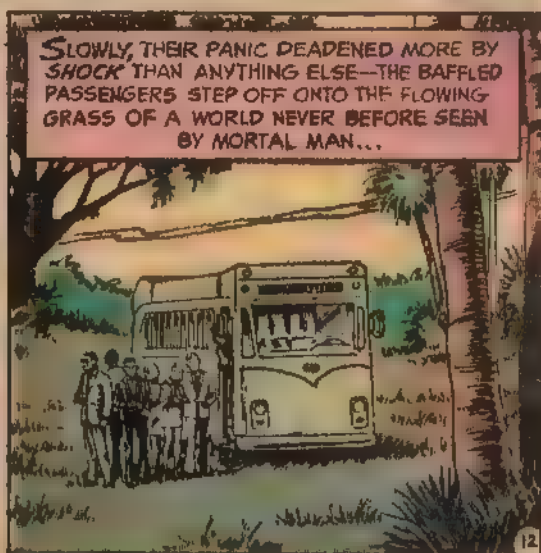
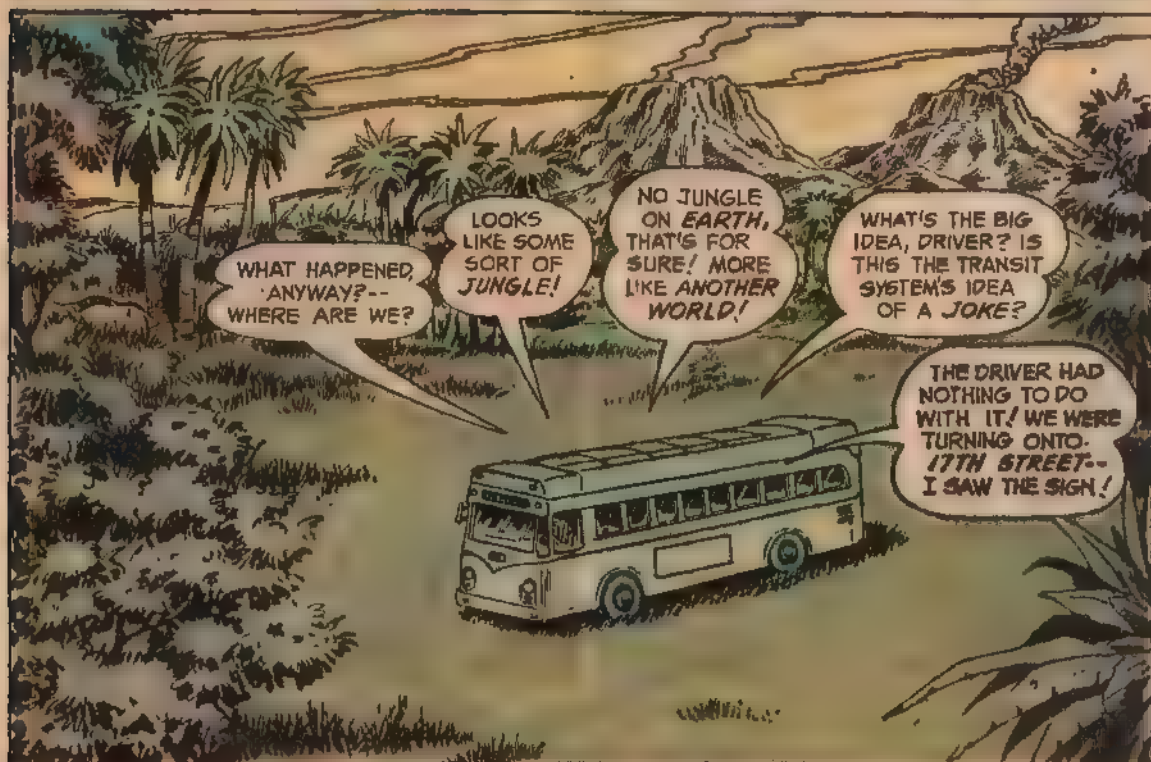
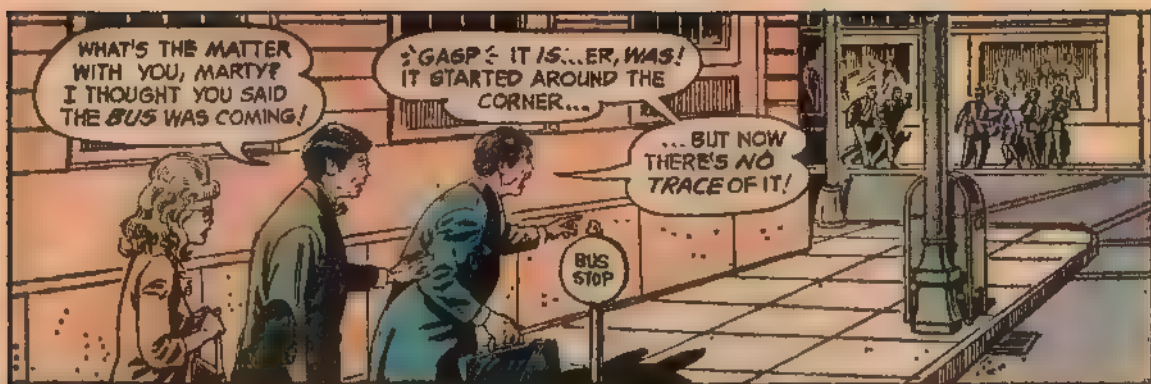
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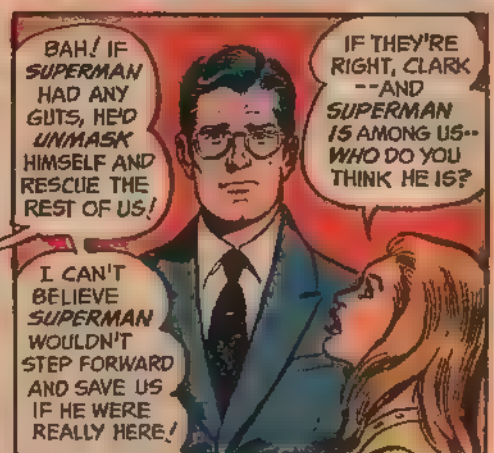
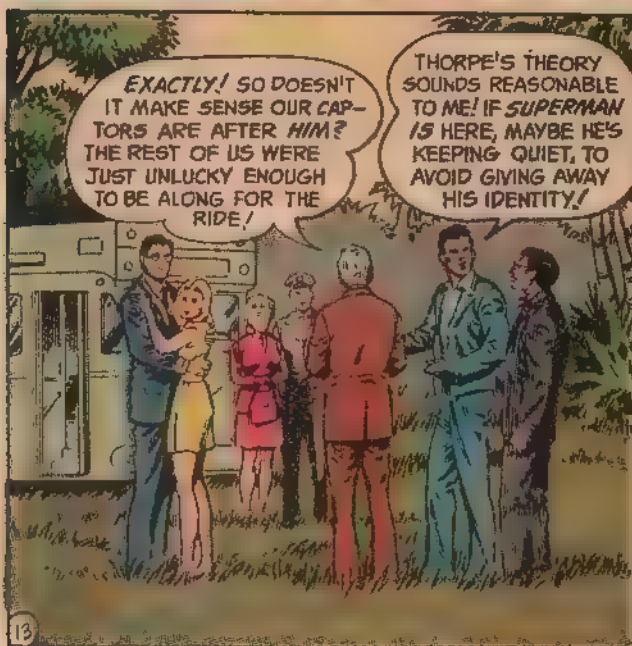
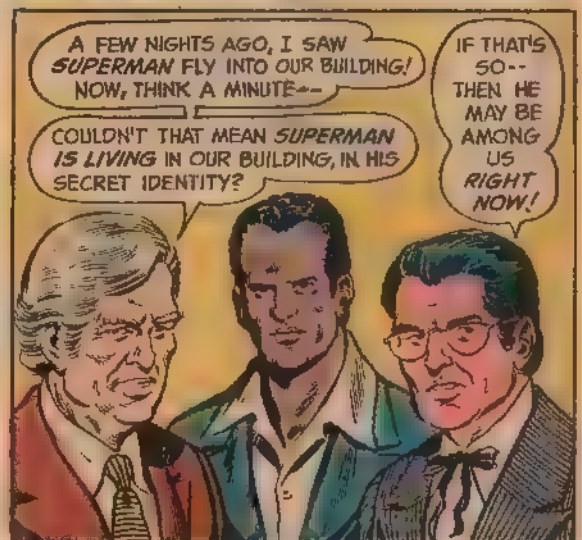
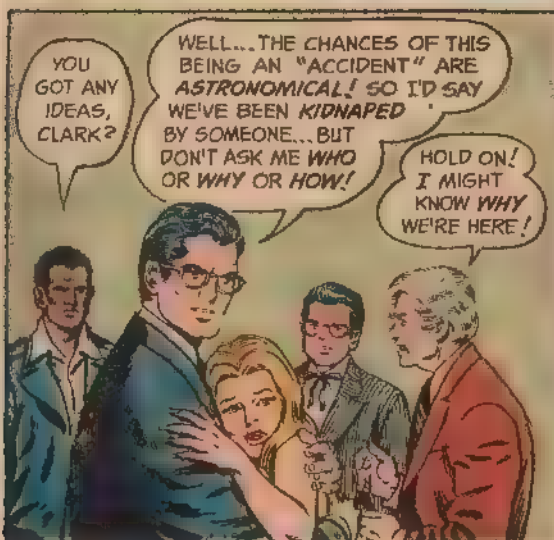
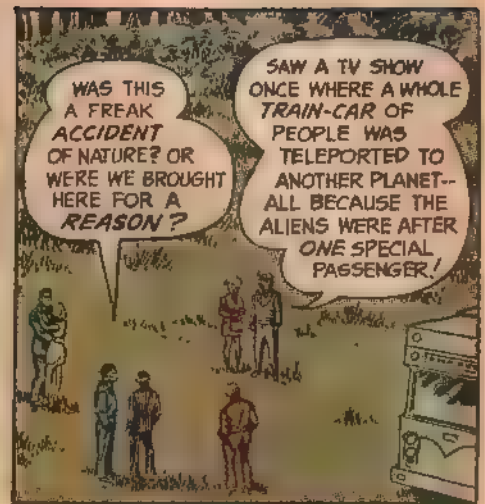
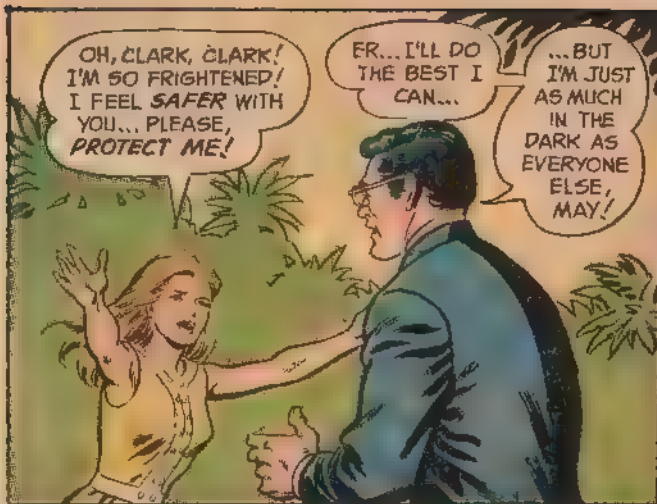
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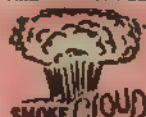


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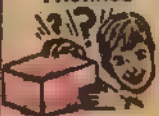
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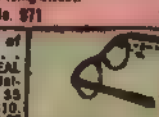
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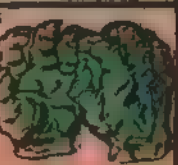


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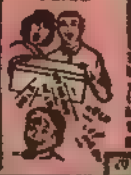
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STORY BY:
ELLIOT MAGGIN

ART BY:
DICK DILLIN
GIORDANO

EDITING BY:
JULIE SCHWARTZ

WITNESS THE EAGER FACE OF A YOUNG BOY ABOUT TO HAVE A MOMENTARY DESIRE FULFILLED...

UNCA RAY!
UNCA RAY!
BUY ME A BOX
OF KARMEL
KORN SO I
CAN GET THE
PRIZE INSIDE!

ALL RIGHT,
FREDDY... LONG
AS YOU EAT
IT AND DON'T
JUST PLAY
WITH THE
PRIZE!



WITNESS THE BRIGHT YOUNG LAD TEARING OPEN THE TOP OF THE BOX TO GET AT HIS PRIZE...

OBOYOBOY!
WONDER
WHAT
IT'LL BE!

JEAN'S NEPHEW
FREDDY IS AN
AWFULLY
SPIRITED KID...

I CAN SEE WHY
SHE WANTED ME
TO TAKE HIM TO
THE AMUSEMENT
PARK WHILE SHE
ARGUES HER
CASE IN COURT
TODAY!

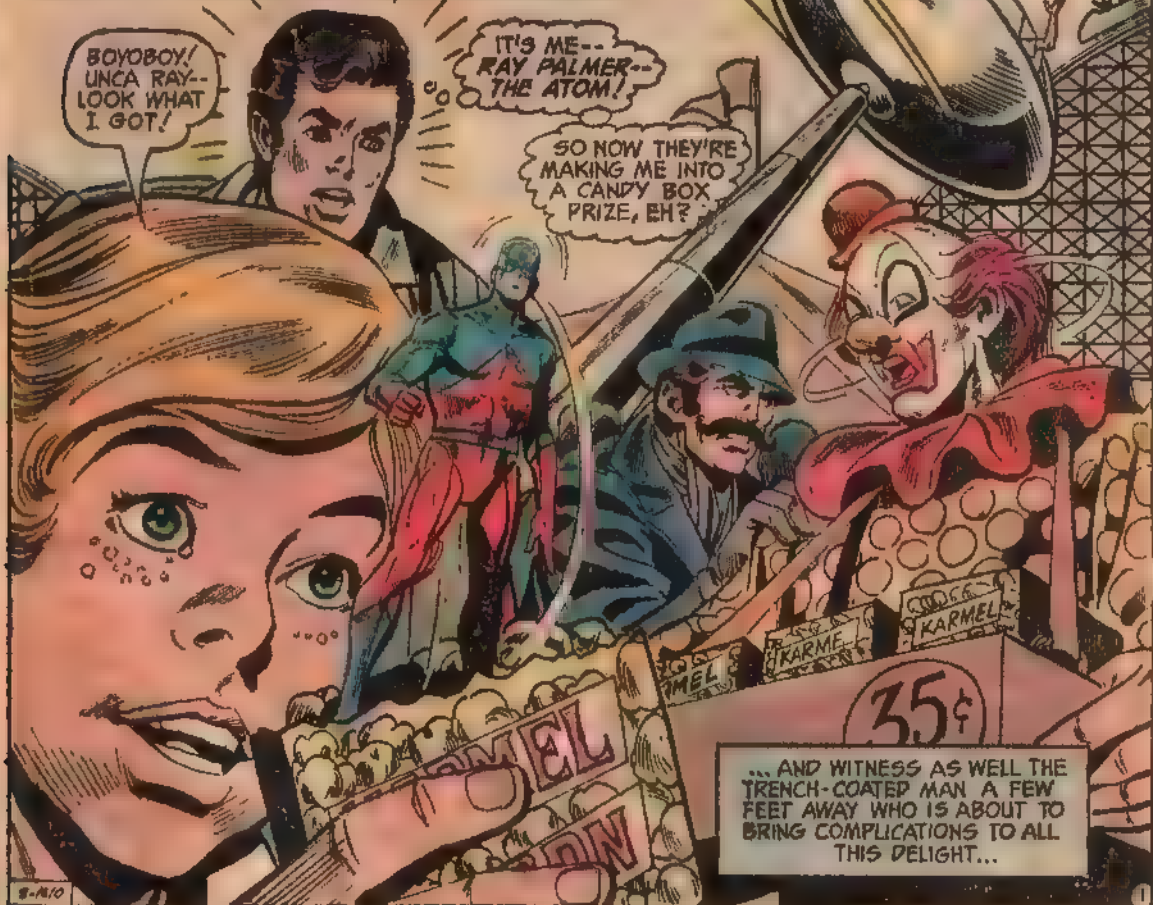


WITNESS THE BOY'S DELIGHT-- AND HIS COMPANION'S SHOCKED SURPRISE-- AS A TOY REPLICA OF THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SUPER-HERO POPS UP AT THEM!...

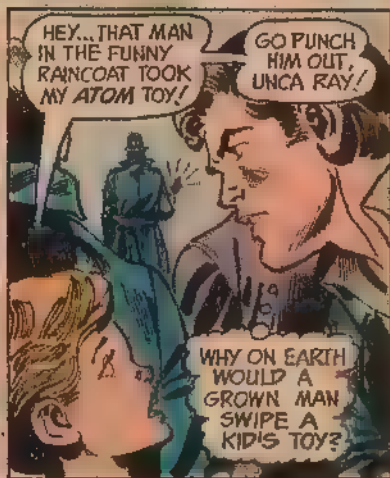
BOYOBOY!
UNCA RAY--
LOOK WHAT
I GOT!

IT'S ME--
RAY PALMER--
THE ATOM!

SO NOW THEY'RE
MAKING ME INTO
A CANDY BOX
PRIZE, EH?



... AND WITNESS AS WELL THE TRENCH-COATED MAN A FEW FEET AWAY WHO IS ABOUT TO BRING COMPLICATIONS TO ALL THIS DELIGHT...



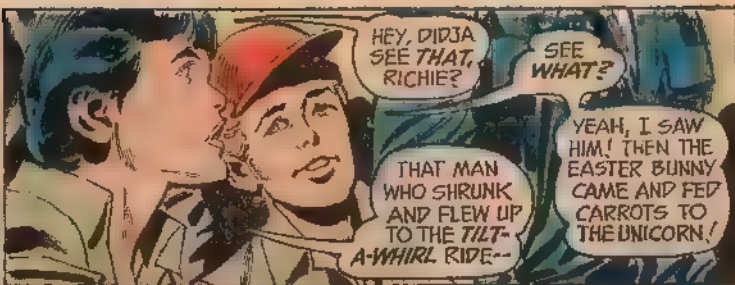
ANONYMOUS IN THE CROWD,
THE YOUNG PHYSICIST CLICKS
ON HIS SIZE-AND-WEIGHT
CONTROLS TO CHANGE TO--

--THE **ATOM!**

MY WEIGHT-
CONTROLS
COULDN'T BE
HANDIER--

--WHEN YOU
WANT TO FLY...

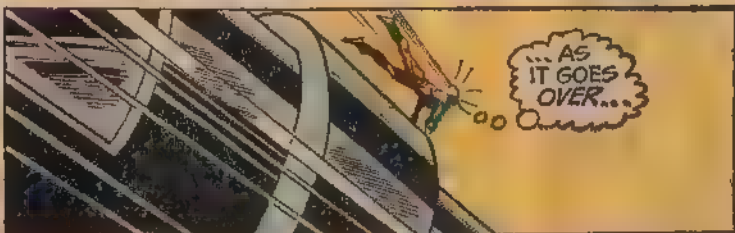
...ON
THE
WIND
CURRENTS!



BUT A TINY
TITAN HAS
INDEED
CAUGHT THE
CAB OF THE
TILT-A-
WHIRL
AS...

FROM UP
HERE, IT
WASN'T
HARD TO
SPOT
TRENCHCOAT
IN THE CROWD!

I'LL GET THE
MOMENTUM I NEED
FROM THIS RIDE...



AND NOW THE
WILD TOY-THIEF HAS
A STOWAWAY AS...

HE'S TAKING THE TOY
INTO A MACHINERY-
BUILDING ABOVE THE
KIDDIE ROLLER COASTER!

CHASING BADDIES ISN'T
MY IDEA OF A FUN TIME,
BUT YOU JUST DON'T
GO AROUND STEALING
KIDS' TOYS FOR
NOTHING, BABY!

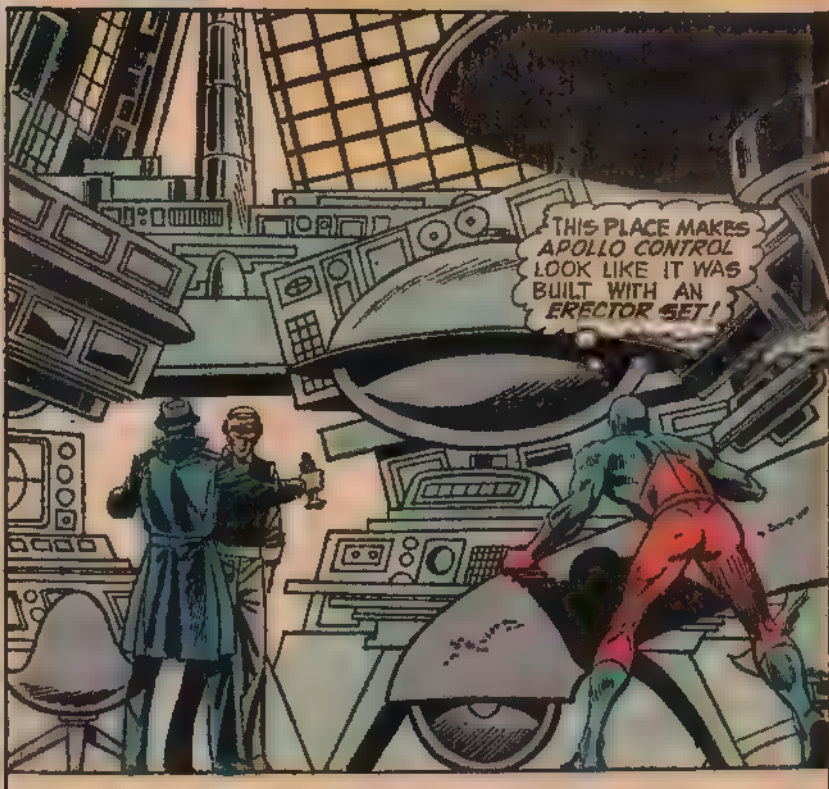


BUT AS THE
TOY-THIEF
ENTERS AN
INSIDE DOOR...



I GOT THE LAST
OF THE ATOM
PRIZES, JOEY--

HEY!—DID I SAY
MACHINERY-BUILDING?!



THIS PLACE MAKES
APOLLO CONTROL
LOOK LIKE IT WAS
BUILT WITH AN
ERECTOR SET!



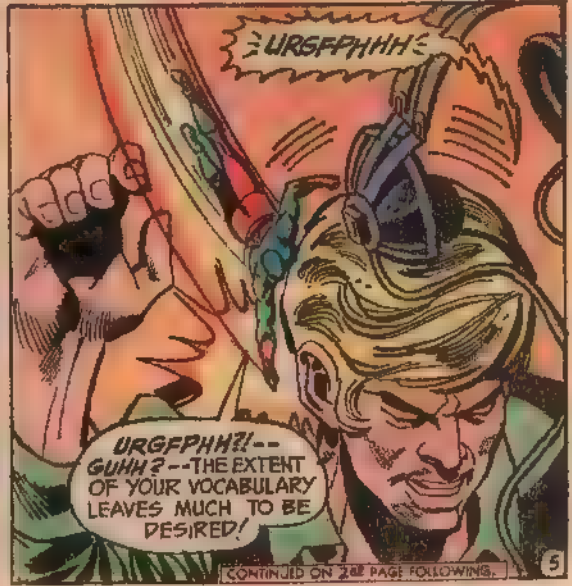
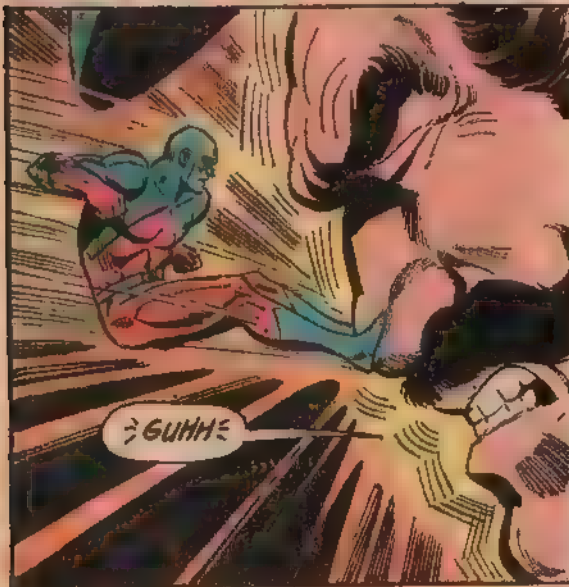
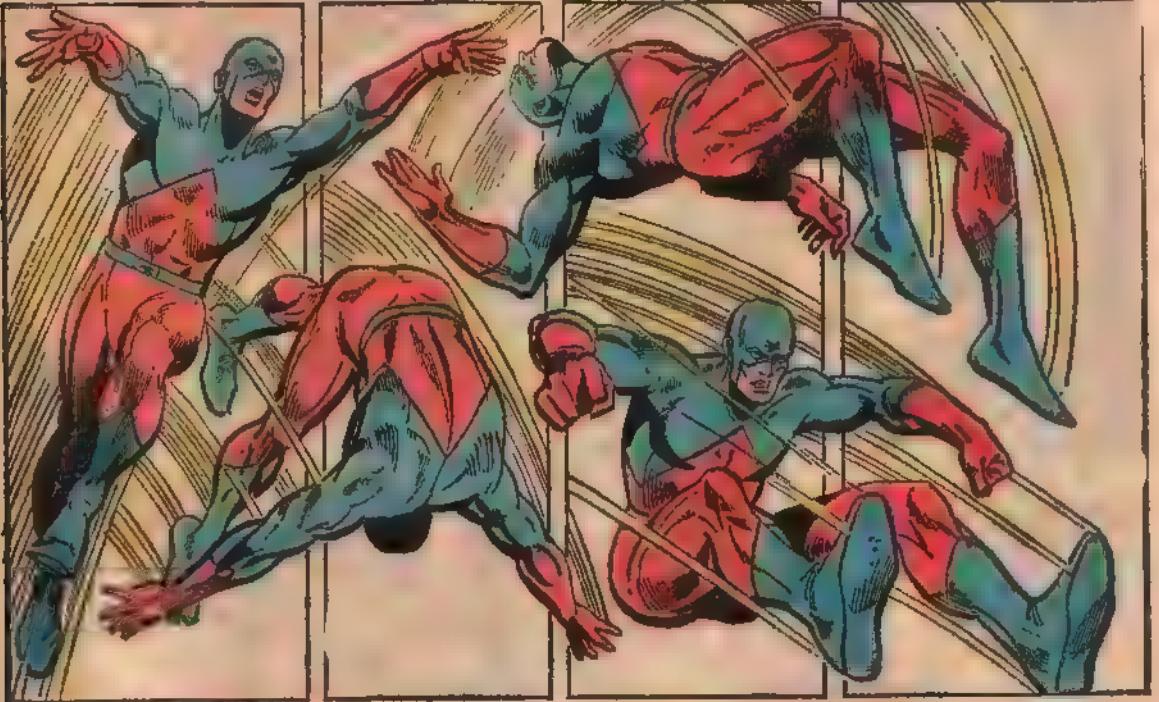
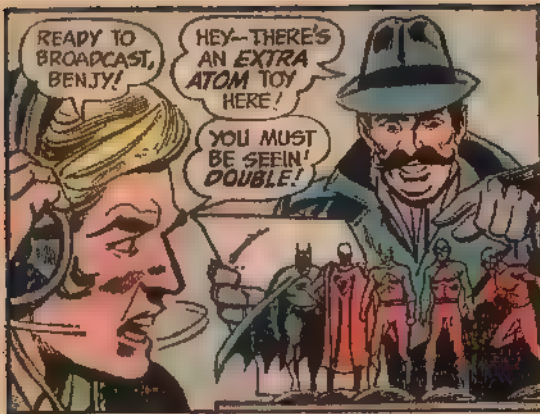
PREPARE THE MICRODOT ENLARGER
WHILE I CHECK OUT THE
SUPER-HERO TOYS!

THE RELAY BEAM TO GET THE
INFO TO GENEVA IS ALL
SET UP!

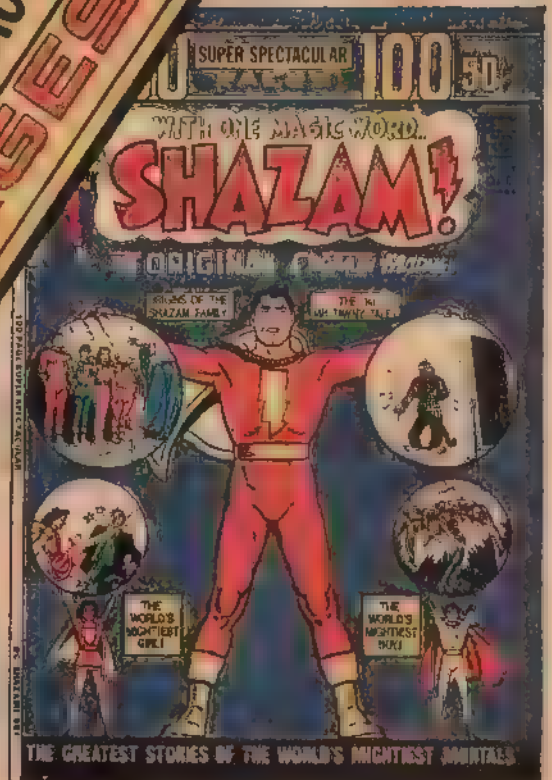
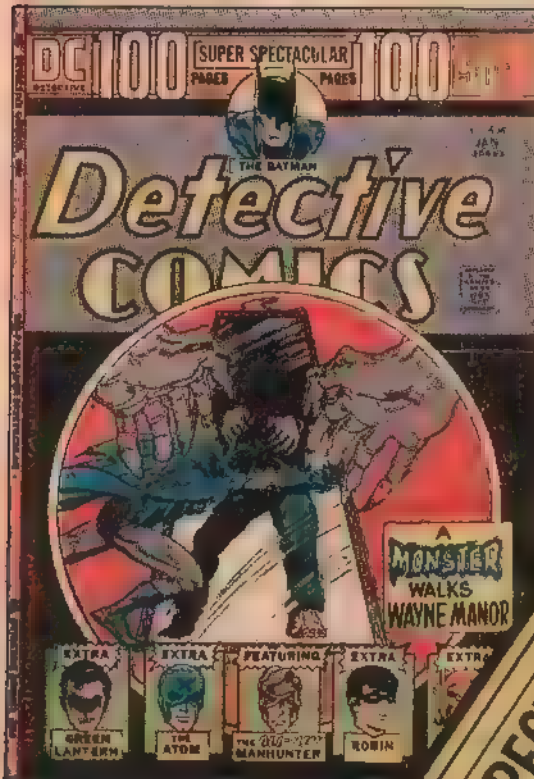
THESE CLOWNS
ARE A PAIR OF
INTERNATIONAL
SPIES--

--SMUGGLING SECRET
INFORMATION OUT
OF THE COUNTRY--
INFORMATION
CONCEALED INSIDE
KARMELO KORN
PRIZES!

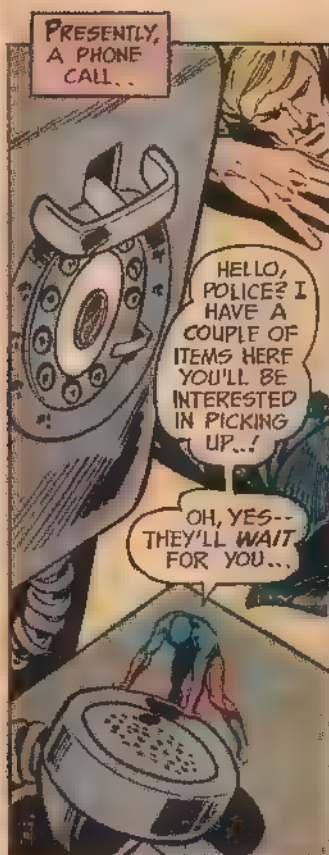
WELL,
THERE'LL
BE A
QUICK
STOP
PUT TO
THAT!



TWO SENSATIONAL BLOCKBUSTERS!



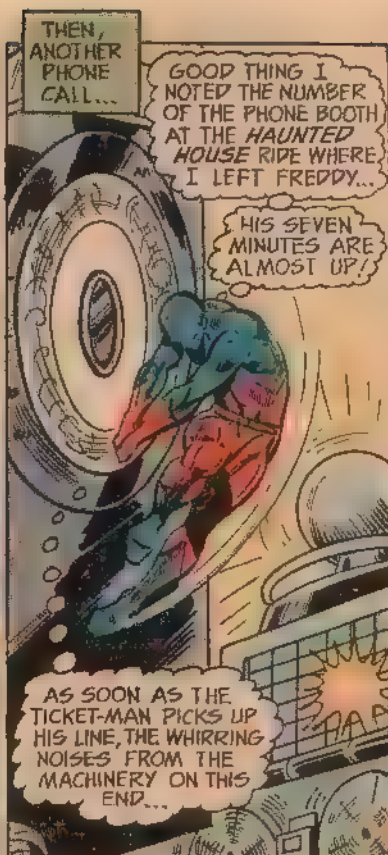
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS DOUBLE-TREAT!



PRESENTLY,
A PHONE
CALL...

HELLO,
POLICE? I
HAVE A
COUPLE OF
ITEMS HERE
YOU'LL BE
INTERESTED
IN PICKING
UP...

OH, YES--
THEY'LL WAIT
FOR YOU...

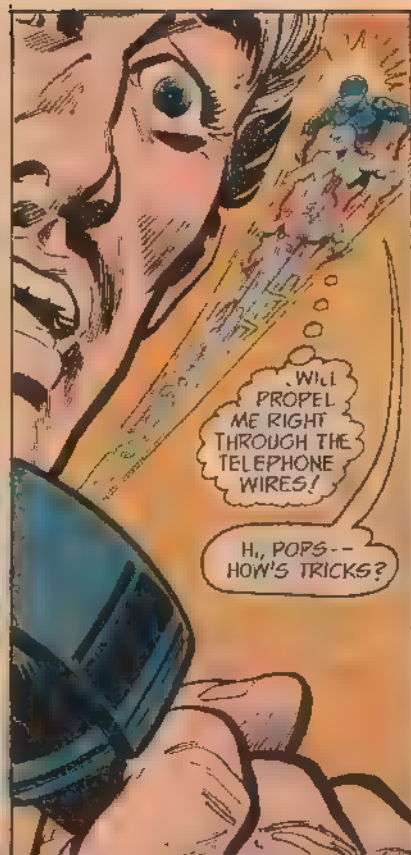


THEN,
ANOTHER
PHONE
CALL...

GOOD THING I
NOTED THE NUMBER
OF THE PHONE BOOTH
AT THE HAUNTED
HOUSE RIDE WHERE
I LEFT FREDDY...

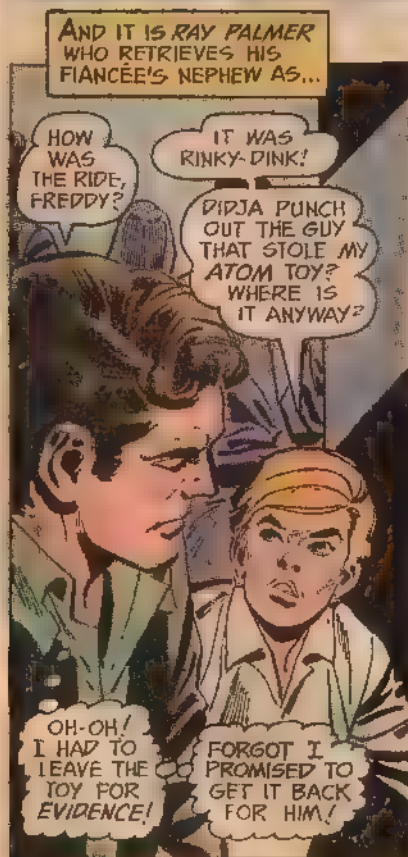
HIS SEVEN
MINUTES ARE
ALMOST UP!

AS SOON AS THE
TICKET-MAN PICKS UP
HIS LINE, THE WHIRRING
NOISES FROM THE
MACHINERY ON THIS
END...



...WILL
PROPEL
ME RIGHT
THROUGH THE
TELEPHONE
WIRES!

Hi, POPS--
HOW'S TRICKS?



AND IT IS RAY PALMER
WHO RETRIEVES HIS
FIANCEE'S NEPHEW AS...

HOW
WAS
THE RIDE,
FREDDY?

IT WAS
RINKY-DINK!

DIDJA PUNCH
OUT THE GUY
THAT STOLE MY
ATOM TOY?
WHERE IS
IT ANYWAY?

OH-OH!
I HAD TO
LEAVE THE
TOY FOR
EVIDENCE!

FORGOT I
PROMISED TO
GET IT BACK
FOR HIM!



WELL,
I UHH--

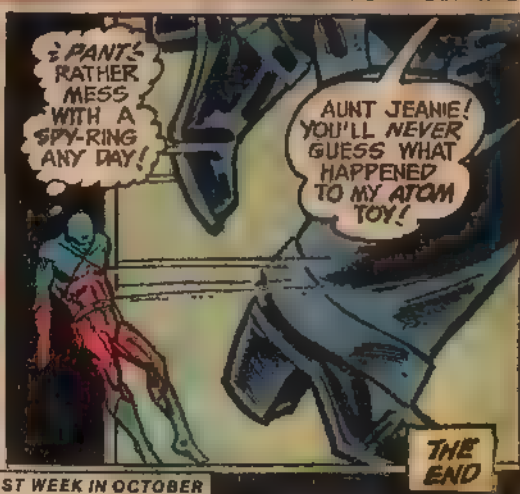
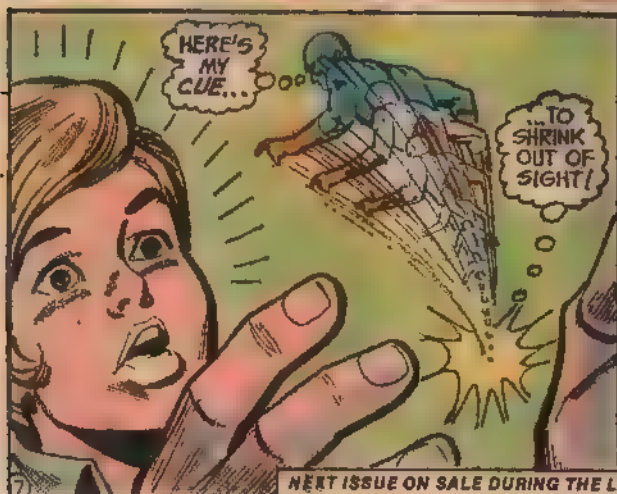
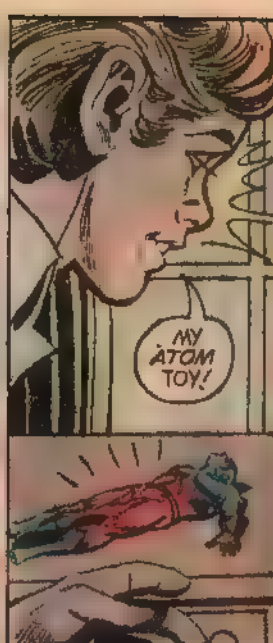
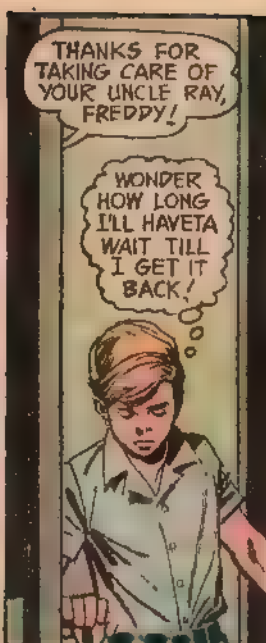
YOU DIDN'T GET
IT? YOU DIDN'T
EVEN GO AFTER
THE CRUMB?

BOYBOY! AND
MY AUNT JEANIE
WANTS TO MARRY
A DINOSAUR
LIKE YOU?



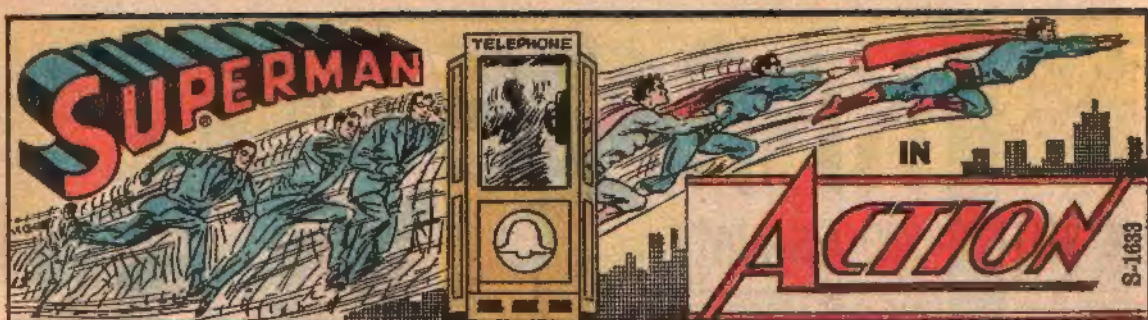
LOOK,
FREDDY--
I PROMISED
I'D GET
YOUR
ATOM
TOY BACK,
DIDN'T I?

OKAY--
I WILL!



NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE LAST WEEK IN OCTOBER

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Dear Mr. Bridwell:

I'd been waiting all month for Action #426—for a number of various reasons that I won't go into. The apex of the whole mag was the cover. I'm probably the only *Supermaniac* who noticed it, but Clark Kent was shown in his old blue suit, red tie outfit that he used to wear most of the time! I'm sure this was intended and I found it enjoyable.

The plot was commendable for its (sigh) ten pages. I like Cary Bates' subtle style, such as the Terra-Man insignia sketched out by the flaming moon rocks, and his silken dialogue: "After the Sagebrush Satan has boasted the details of his fiendish but unsuccessful plan . . ."

I may sound a little cynical and rude at this point, but I liked "Master of the Moon Rocks"—despite its brevity. I like (or hate) Terra-Man the most of all of Superman's foes, and it's a shame to have a showdown limited to ten pages.

But that's not all. The Green Arrow story merits mention. I've detected a little of *The Batman* in the Ace Archer—and a little of Robin, too. I mean, GA doesn't act his age—and thank goodness he doesn't, or the strip would be ruined! I won't say much about the *Human Target* story except that it's gradually becoming better and better.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank Cary, Curt, Murphy, Julie, Elliot, Dick D. & Dick G., Len, and you for a wonderful edition of *Action*. I cannot possibly put my ideas into words, for as everyone knows, *Actions speak louder than words!*

Clint Thomas, Oak Hill, W. Va.

(And you, of course, have a hard time tapping out actions on a typewriter.—E.N.B.)



Dear Editor:

It was a pleasure to pick up the August issue of *Action Comics* and find an apparent 35th anniversary *Superman* issue. The cover, particularly, was one of the best DC covers I've seen in quite a while.

"Master of the Moon Rocks" was both an above average Cary Bates story and an above average *Superman* story. But the very length of the story cramped it considerably. In actuality, it was less a story than a vignette.

More specifically, though, I wonder where you got the name Steve Lombard for the local TV sportscaster? There was a local New Orleans TV newscaster for a while named Steve Lombard, and I would like to know if he came from or went to local New York TV.

"The Wrong Side of the Tracks" didn't impress me as much as the last Green Arrow story in *Action*, which isn't saying so much, because Green Arrow stories as a rule don't impress me. And the *Human Target* story I didn't like at all. I'd prefer only one backup feature in *Action*.

Lester Boutillier, New Orleans, La.

Dear Editor:

I thought all three stories in *Action* 426 were very good, especially "Master of the Moon Rocks." Cary Bates, in only ten pages, came up with one dynamite story! The *Anti-Lunar League* was a good idea, and I hope Bates brings it back. Terra's weapons get new and different every time. The only thing I'm wondering about is, how did he escape from the other dimension in which he was trapped in *Superman* 259? Who cares—as long as the story was good?

The *Human Target* story was one of the best of the series, and I thought Christopher Chance had turned into Superman by "flying" down to catch the would-be killer!

Robert Kent, Boston, Mass.

(A few people did care how Terra-Man escaped—enough to write and ask. But so far, Cary has refused to tell us how it was done. Hmm . . . could it be that he doesn't know, either? Maybe we'd better ask The Shadow. He always knows!—E.N.B.)



Dear Editor:

Well, I guess it was just a matter of time before Terra-Man came back again, but at least this time he was confined to ten pages rather than most of an issue. (Do you get the impression that I don't like him?) In any case, "Master of the Moon Rocks" was okay, but I figured out who the villain was on page three. (Seeing that TM brand burned into the ground, I decided it had to be either Tom Mix or Terra-Man.)

The GA story was the highlight of the issue. Elliot Maggin gives the Emerald Archer a much warmer personality than Denny O'Neil's ego-tripping blowhard had, and I prefer it. The personal narration adds much to the down-hominess of the tale. By the way, I'm glad to see that Chatsworth Osborne, Jr. finally took over his father's business. (Which one of you is the Dobie Gillis fan?)

Wrapping up the issue, the *Human Target* story was well done. For a few panels, I thought you were going to bring in some anti-gravity device as an explanation for Chris's miraculous escape, but you didn't. The helicopter and the wire were logical . . . and right in front of our noses all along. (See what reading too many comix does?)

All in all, an outstanding issue, with a Nick Card cover that made it even better.

Bob Rozakis, Elmont, N.Y.

(Elliot Maggin is the Dobie fan who put in the name of the "nasty boy" played by Steve Franken. But how many of you recall that DC published the comix mag version of Dobie Gillis? How many? Is that all? No wonder it isn't around any more!—E.N.B.)



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(We thought we'd made up a totally fictional name in Steve Lombard. Now we hear there's someone with that name! A newscaster, yet! We haven't been so surprised since a few years ago, when we heard from an Oklahoma editor named Perry White!—E.N.B.)

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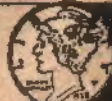
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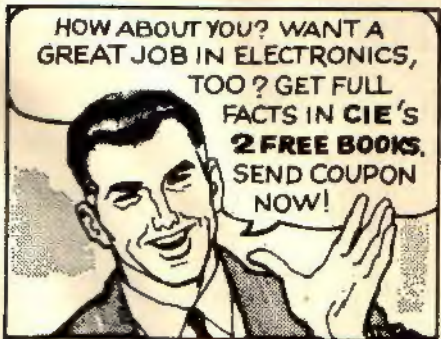
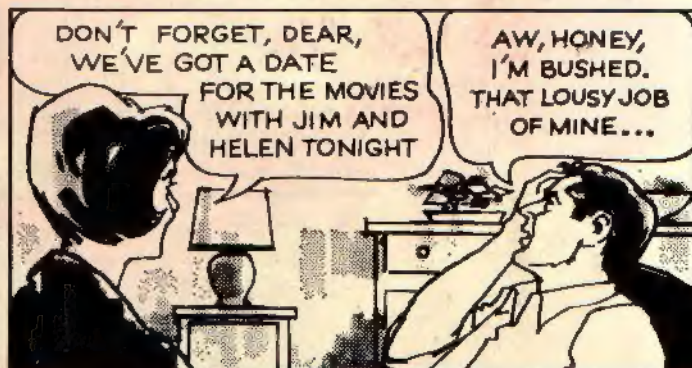
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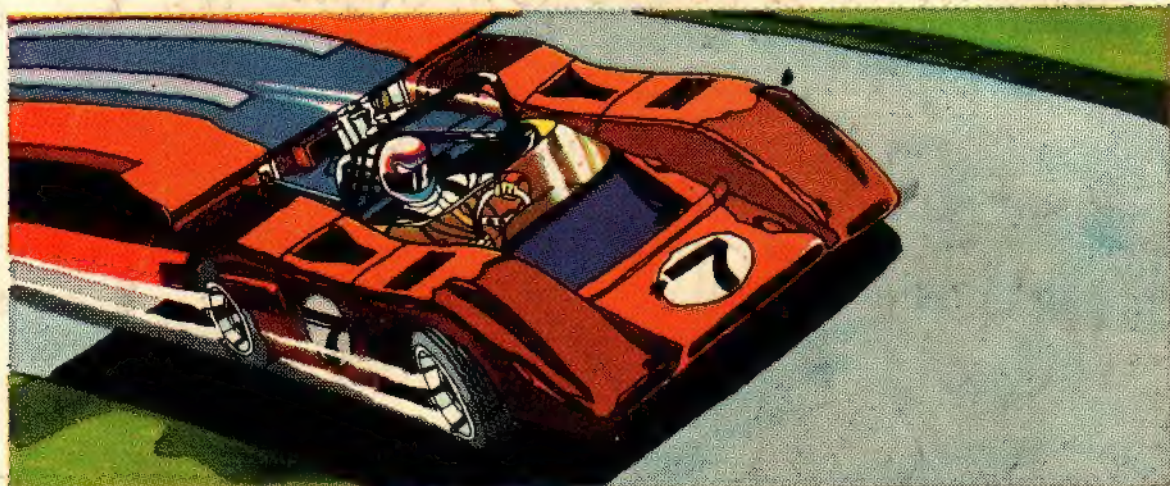
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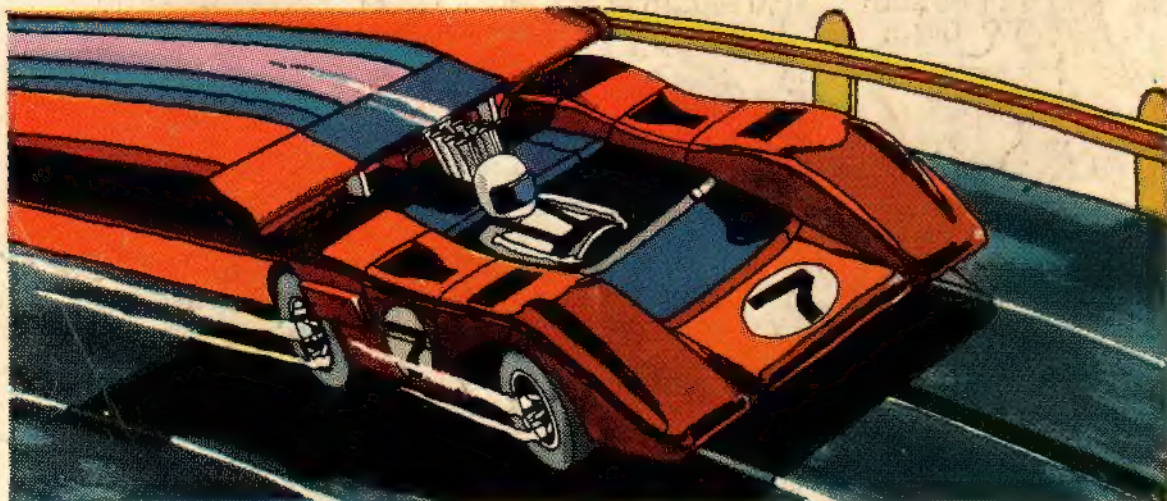
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